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Red Hawks senior Nordic skier Josh Wright drives to the finish line after his second lap at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics final, in Haliburton's Glebe Park Tuesday, Feb. 22. Wright had the fastest individual time. Story on page 20. Darren Lum Echo staff

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Pool proposal sinks

County councillors vote 7-1 against \$35,000 feasibility study for public facility after presentation

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

A research study into the feasibility of a pool in Haliburton County will not be moving forward after members of county council voted against it 7-1 on Feb. 23.

A delegation made by John Stevenson, on behalf of LeisurePlan International Inc., on the feasibility study process was met with mix reactions from county councillors.

At a total cost of \$35,000 the market demand study, originally proposed by Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid at a committee meeting on Feb. 9, would include a random sample of the permanent population between the ages of 20 and 64.

"This is our target demographic," said Stevenson. "It's specifically focused on the permanent residents because those are who will sustain operations. The seasonal residents are our secondary market."

Conducted by phone, the survey would sample 710 residents across the county's four municipalities and with a five per cent margin of error.

It would include questions around the type and size of a proposed facility and would require a minimum of eight weeks to complete.

"The result may be a decision that your market can't sustain this type of facility," said Stevenson.

A research company operating out of Toronto, LeisurePlan has conducted similar studies for the YMCA over the

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news and events worth noting



Singing to the birthday girl

Alice Meadowcroft gets serenaded on her 90th birthday by local country singer Johnny Burke in her home in Haliburton.

Originally from England, Meadowcroft, who turned 90 on Feb. 22, has been living in Haliburton for the past 18 years and is an avid Canoe FM listener. Burke performed a private concert during Meadowcroft's birthday celebrations, organized by Community Care worker Margaret Harris. Apart from Happy Birthday, Burke sang Country Rose and Molasses Cookies. Meadowcroft told those who shared in her special day that she was never happier until she moved to Haliburton and that there isn't a thing in the world she would like, not even millions of dollars.

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On Saturday, March 5, Andrew Oliver will be holding an opening reception for his new exhibit at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre. Oliver's digital photographs were taken one year ago during a trip of a lifetime, while on safari in beautiful Kruger National Park, South Africa. Through his exhibition, your family will be able to gain valuable insight on wildlife from outside of Haliburton County.

The opening reception will last from 2 to 4 p.m. In addition, a free Artist Trading Card session will be held Wednesday to Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. The Rails End Gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Wednesday to Saturday, and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

Disney Institute to teach tourism strategies and principles

The Disney Institute is bringing its renowned professional development program, Disney's Approach to Quality Service to Haliburton, Madoc, Perth and Renfrew, Ont. on March 7 to 10 this year. Through each full-day event, professionals will learn how to use a well-defined service infrastructure, service standards and ongoing research to meet and exceed customer expectations. Organizations can be transformed utilizing the proven, easy-to-implement ideas that are provided by this training. This is one-of-a-kind Disney expertise available close to home, and many applicants will achieve results beyond their expectations.

The program will be in Haliburton on Monday, March 7; in Madoc on Tuesday, March 8; in Perth on Wednesday, March 9; and in Renfrew on Thursday, March 10. Each session costs \$50, plus \$6.50 in HST. As of Feb. 20, all remaining tickets have been made available to the general public. To register go to www.ohto.ca or call 613-629-6486.

Annual VCAD exhibition illustrates the creative process

The Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre is hosting an annual event that challenges the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma (VCAD) class from Fleming College to show the public what goes on in their heads. Students have been quoted saying that this exhibition “is the creative process of art making through experimentation with ideas and solutions. Rather than a body of completed work, you are seeing it in this moment, exposing the raw outcomes as they've unfolded. The work is as diverse as the artists themselves. Reflecting the journey of struggle and success, this exhibition is an experience for every viewer.”

The exhibition will be open from March 9 to the 24 at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre. An opening reception, where one can meet the artists, will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9. For additional program and exhibition information, please visit www.railsendgallery.com.

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Trades college looking for board members

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The Ontario College of Trades needs more than 500 leaders, representing 150 trades to join the board, which will eventually regulate how trades learn, work and are certified.

“The Ontario College of Trades will modernize the trades in this province,” says Rod Cameron, chairman of the appointments council of the college.

“We are looking for people who really know their trade and are committed to making it better for everyone involved,” he said.

Trades included in the college range from electricians to hairstylists to chefs.

The deadline for applications is March 31. For more information, visit www.collegeoftrades.ca/appointments.

Duchene returns to Avs lineup

Colorado Avalanche's Matt Duchene has returned to the team's lineup after missing two games.

The 20-year-old was listed as “out indefinitely” by the team two days after the injury.

However he was back in the lineup against the St. Louis Blues on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Duchene has two points since returning from his hand injury suffered in the Calgary loss on Feb. 14.

He is the team's leading scorer with 21 goals and second in points (49) in 61 games.

10-digit dialing mandatory by March 5

Jade Fisher

Echo Co-op student

Beginning Jan. 15, 10-digit calling was transitioned into the 705 region. This new dialing method was put into effect with success in Québec and several other regions in Ontario.

By March 5, absolutely no phone calls will dial through unless they begin with the code 705. Not one community in the region is without this new policy. On March 19 a new area code (249) will be introduced. It will cover the same geographical area and co-exist with 705. Complaints about the new approach are basically unheard of says Olivier Fillion-Boutin of The Telecommunications Alliance.

“It's not so hard. The transition has been pretty smooth so far and everybody sort of understands what is going on,” he said.

Fillion encourages everybody to start dialing 10 digits as of today to make sure the transition goes well. Also, he suggests ensuring your fax machines and everything in the home or office with automated dialing be changed to 10 digits.

Correction

Last week, the *Echo* reported that Bill Lithgow won bronze in the men's 55+ alpine skiing event at the senior games. He actually won silver.

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New principals for JDH, Wilberforce and Archie Stouffer schools

Internal transfers follow Langton PS principal retirement

Jenn Watt
Editor

One principal's retirement in Fenelon Falls has triggered a string of transfers across Haliburton County schools.

At its meeting Feb. 22, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board approved the transfer of JDH Elementary School principal Traci Hubbert to Minden's Archie Stouffer Elementary School, while that school's principal Joan Harpell will go to Fenelon Falls's Langton Public School.

To fill Hubbert's position, principal Elaine Fournier from Cardiff and Wilberforce elementary

schools will be commuting to Haliburton and current vice-principal Gord Wood will take Fournier's role.

The shuffle is routine for principals, Fournier says.

"Generally speaking principals tend to start being looked at for transfer usually after they've been at a school for about five years," she said, noting she has been principal of CES and WES for seven.

"There's no hard and fast rule to that, not in the least," she said.

The transfer will take place April 1 of this year.

For Hubbert, who runs a French immersion Grade 4 to 8 school, ASES will offer new challenges.

"There's lots of similarities; it's still an elementary school, but it's a [kindergarten] to [Grade] 8 school. I'm not used to having primary students in the building, because I've taught at the high school and I'm here, which

is [Grade] 4 to 8, so the primary piece will be new. We also have French immersion. So, I'll be going into a unilingual school," she said.

Hubbert has been principal at JDHES for seven years and was a vice-principal for one.

She says while there are differences between schools, her job as principal won't change.

"What I'm expected to do when I show up at work is going to be the exact same thing, just the student population will be different, which will be interesting. It's a neat opportunity to work with primary students and I haven't had that before. It'll be a neat experience. I'm looking forward to that."

The move also means that Wood, who took up the reins as vice-principal in September at Wilberforce will now be in charge of both WES and Cardiff - something he didn't expect to happen so quickly.

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It just means now I am looking after both schools instead of just one.

— Gord Wood
New principal of Wilberforce and Cardiff schools

"I'm very excited," Wood said of the new responsibility.

Over the past year, Wood was responsible for Wilberforce school, while Fournier took care of Cardiff.

After moving into the principal role, Wood will rely on the help of other school staff, but it is unclear whether a new vice-principal will be appointed.

It means he will need to familiarize himself more with Cardiff.

"I'm always at Wilberforce. [My job] will change. I'll be at both schools," he said.

Both vice-principals and principals have the same training, Wood explained, so no further courses are needed for him to assume the role.

"It just means now I am looking after both schools instead of just one," he said.



Darren Lum Echo staff

Left, Grade 4 J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School student Alex, smiles after her principal Traci Hubbert read her humour piece during the JDHES Writers' Conference in Haliburton on Friday, Feb. 25.

Communicating the love of literacy

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Young students are looking forward to the next one.

More than 80 students participated in the inaugural J.Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Writers' Conference held Friday, Feb. 25.

Grades 4 to 8 students from area schools such as host JDHES, Wilberforce Elementary School and Archie Stouffer Elementary School of Minden came for the day.

Divided into groups, that included junior (Grades 4-6) and

intermediate (Grades 7-8), the students received instruction and guidance, then workshop opportunities to put what they learned into practice, completing works of fiction and non-fiction.

There were three sessions for each group led by local residents who work with words including Bessie Sullivan, Steve Galea, Michele Shapiera, Laura Redman, Melody Richardson and Ron Evans.

This was funded by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's program enhancement fund, which helps with enhancing education through innovative ideas.

Finding the will to quit smoking

Follow Cheryl Foyster's progress with her blog, [haliburtonquitter](http://haliburtonquitter.wordpress.com) at www.haliburtonquitter.wordpress.com.

Every few days Foyster will share how she copes and what she does to quit smoking after 38 years.

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

This time she hopes it will be different.

Haliburton resident Cheryl Foyster is a woman ready for a new life, quitting smoking for the sixth time in 10 years.

Foyster will be one of an estimated 25,000 smokers across the province in the Driven to Quit smoking challenge that offers a new Honda CR-Z hybrid or a Honda Insight hybrid to a drawn winner, who can remain smoke-free for the month of March.

Foyster, a mother of two grown sons, said it's time for a lifestyle change.

"I just want to really feel better and it's a bad habit and I want to get rid of it," she said. "I want my breathing to be better. My overall health will be better in the end after quitting. I find that I [easily] get winded because I've smoked for years ... I would like to be able to sing, sing a whole song without having to take a breath. Go for a big walk without feeling winded."

She has been a smoker for more than 38 years, going through at least half a pack a day since she started at 14. Foyster already started to quit (in the past three months she cheated with one cigarette) and has noticed she isn't wheezing, coughing and everything just smells better.

The challenge is in its sixth year and is facilitated by the Canadian Cancer Society and the local Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit for the Central East region.

Foyster, a Haliburton Highlands Health Services employee, said her good friend of 24 years, who is also a smoker, would be her support buddy in this contest.

"We'll probably gnaw each other's faces off, but you know we'll help each other out as best as we can," she said.

Support buddies, who can win a \$200 MasterCard gift card, must also be 19 or older as of March 1, 2011.

Both of Foyster's sons smoke and she believes one is also likely to quit next month.

Ann Burke, the senior coordinator of the Smokers' Helpline, was at Haliburton Hospital Feb. 23 with the grand prize car and an information booth as part of her tour of the province to promote the challenge.

A former smoker, Burke smoked for 15 years before she



Darren Lum Echo staff

Cheryl Foyster is ready to quit smoking and hopes to win a Honda CR-Z in the process with the Driven to Quit challenge. Foyster has been smoking for 38 years and her attempt is also encouraging her son to quit.

quit in the 1980s. She knows how addictive the habit is, often resulting in several attempts to quit.

"I'm typical of a former smoker. I tried four or five times. I tried hypnotism. I tried acupuncture," she said. "I finally used the [nicotine] gum, but I didn't really use it. I sort of carried it around with me and always said to myself, 'I will use the gum before I ever use another cigarette.' That seemed to work for me. I carried it around for a year. Everybody is a little different in what works."

She kept her habit from her children and was motivated by them to quit.

Besides the phone and online services, the society also offers text-messaging support.

"It's proven ... these services will double your chances [to quit]," she said, adding this has been shown in an annual

evaluation by the Propel research completed by the University of Waterloo.

The winners of the challenge from the last five years, she said, are the strongest endorsement for how effective the society's efforts are with 95 per cent of them still smoke free, as the society keeps in contact with past winners.

Other prizes for the challenge include one of two \$5,000 vacation getaways and one of seven \$2,000 MasterCard gift cards.

Registration closed Monday.

Names of those who remain tobacco-free for March will be among those randomly drawn in April, followed by testing to ensure participants have quit.

For more information go to www.driventotoquit.ca.

County to request funding to conduct housing study

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

The county of Haliburton is looking for funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation to conduct a comprehensive study into housing needs in the area.

A resolution to apply for funding was passed by council on Feb. 23 while details of the type of study were discussed.

"I've been getting quite a lot of pressure throughout the county on the possibility of doing a study to find out what may be available out there," said Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton.

Fearrey inquired into what kind of survey was being considered.

"I would prefer if it wasn't a phone one," said Burton.

"It's my understanding ... that a housing needs study is

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— Dave Burton, Highlands East Reeve

the base level work that you take to the province to try and then leverage funds," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. "I think it's really important that whatever methodology is

selected that it is of a sufficiently sophisticated level that it has credibility with the province."

Fearrey argued that there were three levels of housing needed in the county, social, mid-range and high-end housing.

Conducting a study, said Fearrey, would help in isolating specific numbers.

According to Fearrey, a comprehensive study on the issue has never been conducted.

"So is the purpose then to find out what people need and where the gaps are?" asked Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt.

Fearrey replied it was and the resolution was unanimously carried.

"I don't know how you'd be against that, it's the biggest need we've got," said Fearrey.



Voting powers will not be reinstated

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the meeting of Haliburton Highlands Health Services board February 24.

A provincial decision to strip hospital staff of their voting powers will be upheld despite the board's attempt to influence the outcome.

At the board meeting in January it was decided the board would send a letter to the Ministry of Health asking that doctors and hospital CEO Paul Rosebush be given voting privileges.

During the meeting, board chairman Dale Robinson updated the executive on the status of the letter.

"I sent a letter to the Ministry of Health and I received a reply that was very political," said Robinson. "It stated that while we thank you for your letter this decision has already been passed."

Board considers having fewer meetings and members

A discussion on the need for nine board meetings a year and an executive comprised of 18 individuals was raised during the meeting, with Robinson suggesting both numbers be reduced.

The meetings, said Robinson, could be reduced to six a year, however, such a change would have to be implemented in the board's policy.

"We're not deciding this today," said Robinson.

A notice of a motion to address the

number of meetings in the future was made by executive board member Lisa Kerr.

In terms of elected board members Robinson suggested that the current make-up of the board was getting rather large and that he was proposing they not replace departing members unless there were less than 12.

Survey results stellar

A recent ER satisfaction survey came back with impressive results, according to Lisa Kerr, director of the quality committee.

While the results showed a slight difference between the hospitals in Haliburton and Minden, with 99 per cent of ER visitors recommending the Minden hospital and 83 per cent recommending the Haliburton hospital, Kerr said the statistics were above the provincial average.

Palliative care unit moves forward

Plans to create a hospice-style unit that would provide end-of-life care at the Haliburton hospital continue with the finance committee approving a motion to support a proposal to the LHIN.

The palliative care suite that the hospital is proposing would be built behind the maternity area and would include two beds, a kitchen, a family waiting room and a separate entrance to the outdoors.

Peter Oyler informed the board that he would be taking a motion forward to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation regarding the palliative care unit requesting the group takes on this effort as their next major fundraising initiative.

Singing for dental outreach

Canadian musician and songwriter Ian Tamblyn performs for a packed crowd to raise money for the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County, as hosted by McKeeks in Haliburton on Sunday, Feb. 27. The event that included lunch buffet was sponsored by SIRCH.

Visit our website for more photos of the event. www.haliburtonecho.ca.

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A study in need

THREE ARE LOTS of study proposals floating around the county council table right now.

First, the Rail Trail study was brought into question, then the pool feasibility study was defeated and now a third study – this one on housing – is being proposed.

This last study would seek to establish what types of housing are needed in our community including social, mid- and high-end dwellings.

We can guess at some of the results.

The waiting list for affordable housing is around three years in Haliburton County. The need there is great and pressing.

There is also very little for seniors searching for accessible locations in town, close to the hospital. We desperately need to find places for them.

Mid-range housing need, however, is seldom discussed. We know that for those willing to rent, market rate apartments in Haliburton Village can have a waiting list of 10 years.

Many rental units go for the same amount here as they would in Toronto.

The population of this county grows ever so slowly, with many moving into cottages for retirement, while younger people stream out to the cities for employment.

This we know.

Just how many are looking for a place to live without luck isn't.

The county council is applying to the Haliburton County Development Corporation for money to nail down the demographic information that could lead to more housing.

It's a study that we actually do need.

While there is skepticism over a \$35,000 phone survey for the pool and consultants on the Rail Trail, housing is a priority item that we don't know enough about.

If HCDC is able to come through with a grant for this work, it will be well spent.

Loop Troupe a steal at \$8

The little one-act play running March 4 and 5 in Wilberforce promises to charm audiences at the Lloyd Watson Centre with its wit, enthusiasm and costumes.

Always inspiring, the Loop Troupe has chosen a detective story featuring private eye Phyllis Harlowe (Kim Barret) to entertain, moving quickly from scene to scene with familiar faces along the way.

Dedicated to "a real trouper" Adele Barnes, who passed away last week, the community play is well worth the admission (which includes cookies!) of \$8.



Jenn Watt
Editor



Glorious sun

photo by Darren Lum

Small talk

I'M NOT ONE FOR SMALL TALK. I find few things as painful as randomly trying to strike up a conversation – effectively about nothing – with someone I feel compelled to talk to simply because I don't want to come across as callous or unfriendly. It's not that I don't specifically want to talk to that person; just that the stuff we end up "discussing" is enough to make my eyelids flutter and my ears bleed.

I'm rarely one to shy away from conversation but, for me, I see conversation the same way I look at ordering a drink: at least make it a strong one. Inasmuch as you're supposed to shy away from the verboten subjects of politics and religion, I wholeheartedly welcome talking about politics and religion. The way I see it, if you can't offer up some dynamic banter about who you think may have magically put us here and how much you believe in him/her/it, then I really don't see you offering up any vigorous insight to incremental variations on the weather.

Talking about the weather is permitted as long as it's in reference to how good or how bad it is. When's the last time you heard someone comment on how average the weather is?

By inherent social law we aren't allowed to talk about religion or politics, a woman's age or weight, anyone with an obvious ailment and the marital status of

someone we both know (unless it's confirmed that we both dislike this person).

However we *are* permitted to discuss the economy and the present government as long as we mutually agree that the present states of both really stink.

This, of course, leaves us precious little to talk about, which is why I commit to being wildly creative in an attempt to avoid these pulse-stopping, mind-numbing situations. I mean, you already know what's coming and that Harriet is going to enlighten you with her insight on how much it's



Charlie Teljeur
Thinking Small

raining or Gary with how hard he's working or Reginald who will repeat the score of last night's game, as if you lived under a rock. Knowing that, do a little thinking and reply to their very typical comment with a very untypical answer.

When asked about your family, sob, then mention that they all ran off and joined the circus ("but thanks for reminding me") or answer that inane question inquiring into how you're doing by replying that you have leprosy and that your left ear feels kind of "loose."

And about the weather? Tell them you've been informed that you're deathly allergic to oxygen and that your doctor said a sudden gust of wind might do you in. In the time it takes them to process the answer you'll find you have time enough to escape.



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points of view

Shelfish behaviour

I LOVE BOOKS. They fire up your imagination and take you to interesting places – like libraries and bookstores, for instance. Oh, and under the couch, too.

I discovered this simple fact last Friday when my daughter, despite the lack of genetic programming, decided to bestow upon me a random act of kindness.

Instead, however, she ended up rearranging my bookshelves. “They’re perfectly fine the way they are,” I insisted.

“No they’re not,” she said. “They’re a complete mess.”

“But I know where everything is,” I assured her.

“Did you know that your passport is being used as a bookmark?” she countered.

“I was hiding it from the terrorists,” I snapped. “*Wuthering Heights* is the last place they would ever look.”

No one, including me, in fact, would ever look there.

Now that its hiding place is compromised, however, I have placed it within the confines of my underwear drawer. This I figure, is another place that no one in their right mind would ever look.

Even so, Carm insisted on removing all my books and then putting them back on the shelves according to subject and in alphabetical order.

It was impressive to say the least. You see, while I have mastered the part about removing books from the shelf, the second part – putting them back – is something that still eludes me.

Yet Carm was exceptionally good at it. So, as she went to work, I watched in awe and imagined that, except for the lack of *Curious George* books, this must be what it was like to assemble the George W. Bush Presidential Library.

One by one, like bricks in an overbuilt outhouse wall, those books went back on the shelves. Before I knew it, Carm had achieved a feat that was on par with the construction of the pyramids. My bookshelves were completely organized.

The flip side of this is that I no longer appear to be the intellectual giant that most people naturally assume I am. And I blame this on the books being put back where they should be.

You see, prior to this, from anywhere in my place, you would see at least half a dozen books roaming freely off the shelves. There’d be one on the coffee table, one by my fly tying bench, one on my desk, and several more grazing in less obvious places. They were free ranging and more than a bit wild. And every now and then, I would round one up and sound out the words from a paragraph or two.

The end result was that it made me look somewhat intelligent because, if you visited my house, I was never very far from a book.

Sure this is superficial, but so long as I held the book right side up, I could pull it off.

That meant, approximately 50 per cent of the time, visitors were impressed.

Now all that has changed. You see, in my mind at least, a neat bookshelf signifies one of two things.

It might mean that you have a collection of books that you read and then neatly put back on the shelf. Or it could indicate that, if you pull the right book, say *Wuthering Heights*, the shelf will slide over revealing a secret passage to an alternate universe.

Either way, it’s pretty hard to believe.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales



pic of the past

Dysart councillors proudly stand on a new concrete bridge installed on Maple Avenue about 1912. The structure, since replaced, was one of numerous improvements made in the village early in the century. The members of council include, from the left, Reeve William Laking, Councillors Daniel Gorrie, John Lucas, William “Curly Bill” Roberts, Henry Brohm and clerk George Potts. This photo is from the Madeline Austin collection at the Haliburton Highlands Museum (#44).

letters to the editor

Games veteran gives history

To the Editor,

In recent weeks, there has been excellent coverage of the concept, and benefits of Winterfest 2011. Some people have asked the participants why they had no opportunity to enter.

Winterfest is an extension of the Ontario Senior Games and is held in February of alternate years with Actifest which is the provincial funds of the summer games. However, only duplicate bridge and bowling participants are considered eligible for the winter games.

Back in November of 1984, the two Bruces (and Bruce Henry of “You’re never far from Haliwer”) attended a provincial planning meeting in Campbellville. Ontario was divided into 30 districts and Haliburton – Muskoka was designated #11. In 1985 the “drop-in centre” gave the go ahead for a committee – mainly of the Bridge group – to plan and execute the Ontario Senior Games in May/June. Nine games ranging from bridge to bowling to golf were chosen of the master list and we received 335 registrations.

In 1986, the province designated Kitchener – Waterloo as host of the new “Actifest” games to be held in August. Thirty-six winners from Haliburton became eligible and attended the three-day event. Incidentally, the *Echo* was instrumental in spreading the word and their new reporter Martha Perkins worked with our committees very closely.

As a duplicate bridge player this year I joined 59 others at the Royal Resort, just south of Coboconk, where we were royally treated and enjoyed our four sessions of competition. Our four-person team ranked seventh of 15 – and promise to do better in 2013.

Bruce Armstrong
Haliburton

Do vaccine benefits outweigh risks?

To the Editor,

There are risks to taking any kind of medication including vaccines. The question is do the benefits outweigh the risks? Many childhood diseases that are being vaccinated against are not deadly. Children under two are now receiving up to 24 vaccinations – much more than when I was a child.

Vaccinations contain thiomersal, a mercury-containing compound.

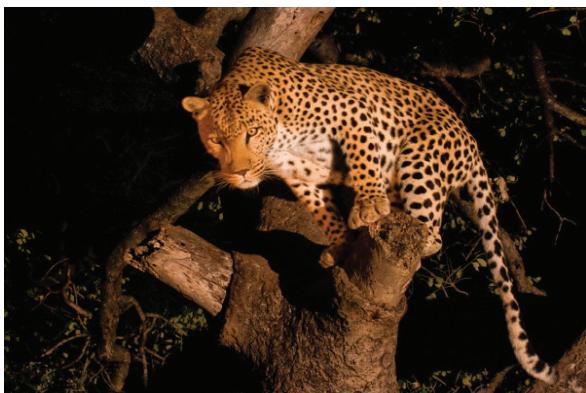
Guillain-Barre is a known serious side effect that causes paralysis. What about allergies? There are still questions about Dr. Wakefield’s research stating that there is a connection between vaccines and autism and bowel disorders in children. The verdict is not in yet. The best defense against disease is clean water, fresh air, a nutritious diet and exercise. There is no magic pill/vaccination for anything. Another big issue about vaccinations is accumulation of toxic materials stored in our tissues. Are you willing to take mercury, squalene, formaldehyde, phenoxyethanol (anti-freeze) every year and trust that in 20 to 60 years it will not have an impact on your health or the health of your children? Before taking any medication it is important to know and decide if you are willing to accept the very real side effects. For parents deciding for their children there are real concerns about the long-term effects of so many vaccinations. This is not a black and white story. Even the vaccine companies do not stand behind their products.

If you or your family were to be harmed by vaccinations the vaccine companies have no liability. Do the research then make an informed choice.

Darlene Buckingham
Tory Hill

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Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre



Andrew Oliver, Night Hunter, digital photograph, 2010

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letters

'Senior moments' make Haliburton's Senior Winter Games memorable

To the Editor,

I was a volunteer at Sir Sam's for the alpine skiing. We had some fun and interesting competitors in the event, and a couple of things happened that I thought might be interesting to share with your readers.

I call it "Some Senior Moments".

First was a gentleman who arrived at Sir Sam's Inn the night before realizing that he had forgotten his ski pants. Making the coordinators there aware of his dilemma they came up with a solution. Skiing naked was not what he had in mind and was quite happy to find someone with a spare pair of ski pants, albeit was a very good looking young lady who loaned him her ski pants. Needless to say the comments that followed were priceless.

Their second senior moment is Betty, a 78-year-old competitor, who had taken two days to make the sojourn to Haliburton from Kapuskasing. Against her son's wishes, not wanting her to travel here alone, she got out a

map to see where Haliburton was.

After deciding that the plane, train or bus was not an option and that the only way to get here was to drive, that is just what she did. She drove her late husband's 1988 (large) Dodge truck to North Bay, staying there Monday night. Betty said "Tuesday, I actually found Minden".

It was a 14-hour drive. (A message from her son was waiting for her at the Inn when she arrived.) She said the scenery was beautiful as she had never been to this part of Ontario before. Betty has medaled in all six of the Ontario Senior Games, taking home a silver medal from this one. She also participates as a swimming and walking competitor in the summer senior games.

Betty met lots of friendly people and said, "It has been a wonderful two days."

Lois Welch
Volunteer- Alpine Skiing

Hydro doesn't tell whole story

To the Editor,

The hydro mailing about time-of-use, which is taking effect this week, gives examples of doing laundry or running a dishwasher, but what about giving customers the difference of making breakfast, lunch and dinner, bathing, heating a home, and in rural areas running a water pump? Even without putting on a TV, radio, lamp or computer, the fridge, heating and water must run during hydro's new peak winter hours. Rates are up by two cents

per kWh to just sit idle in a (cooler) house doing nothing. Those extra charges will then raise delivery fees and HST. Hydro did not send accurate literature to subscribers spelling out the whole picture and entire range of increases. Has anyone started a group to stand up for seniors on this issue? Perhaps government officials will step in and speak out on their behalf.

Janis Cole
Wilberforce

Dreamcatcher Foundation helps budding athletes

To the Editor,

We would like to publicly thank the Dreamcatcher Foundation for their support of our 2010/2011 hockey season.

The Dreamcatcher Foundation is a charitable foundation that provides support to First Nations youth to participate and develop skills through sports and recreation.

With their support we have been able to accomplish the following:

Kelsey, age 12, was able to play on the Highland Storm Bantam girls' team, who have finished the regular season in second place, as well as win the Orillia Hawks Bantam C division tournament in January. On a more per-

sonal level, Kelsey was named MVP in two of the three games played at the Kanata Rangers Hockey tournament in November of last year.

Riley, 17, played his final year of house league hockey with the Highland Storm, where he had his first 50-goal season!

To thank the Dreamcatcher Foundation, we are volunteering within our own hockey association as well as the Wilberforce Minor Hockey Association. It is our hope to pass on the skills we have been taught over the years, as well as our love for the game!

We are truly grateful.

Riley and Kelsey Maracle
Wilberforce

letters

If you can't afford a pet, you shouldn't have one

To the Editor,

Lately there have been a few letters submitted to the local papers on the matter of animal welfare, or the lack of dealing with it, in the Highlands.

It never ceases to amaze me when people whine about feral cats and free spay and neuter clinics without giving it any intelligent thought! First feral cats don't just happen they are the product of stupid irresponsible people who don't look after their pets. As to the cost of having a pet neutered and properly looked after, yes it is expensive, but if you can't afford a car, you don't have one, if you can't afford a house, you don't have one, and if you can't afford a pet, you shouldn't have one.

There are real answers to the problem but local councils need to get their head out of the sand and do something constructive. First: the whole problem is caused by their taxpayers, so taxpayers money should be taken to solve the problem. Second: low cost spay and neuter clinics should be made available to people who seem to feel the need to have a pet but claim they can't afford the going rate, having said that, they should be required to have pet insurance on the animal, because if they can't afford the spay and neuter, they sure can't afford to deal with a sick animal. Third: there should be substantial enforced fines for anyone owning a dog or cat that is not spayed or neutered. I want to strangle the life out of someone everytime I see a sign giving away free kittens. First they pick up the free kitten then later when it gets a little older, they dump it somewhere. I know they often wind up here, where the free kitten costs \$700 to have needles, blood tests, and spay or neuter, and declaw.

Fourth: maybe it's time we stopped letting people have their cats run loose. It is not cruel to keep a cat indoors, or allow it

access to an outdoor pen. Getting hit by a car, torn to pieces by a fisher, eaten for lunch by a fox, killed by an unfriendly dog, or picked up by some sadist like the guy in Toronto, who borrowed someone's pet to make a video of skinning a cat alive are not good for you pet either! When I was in a suburb of Chicago, 13 years ago there were no cats on the street because there was \$100 fine if your cat was caught out of the yard, and it worked because neighbours phoned the city if there was an infraction.

The councils needs to provide substantive funding to the

Humane Societies to deal with their taxpayers cast-off pets. Like everything else there are ways to fix problems, but it has never been my experience that elected officials have had the will, to do something logical to try and fix a problem. If you want to know where to find the money, give me a call I have some suggestions, but I am not sure you want to hear them!

Keith Stata,
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The We Workers help out

For the past months, a group of do-gooders acting with an organization called Free the Children have been organizing at JDH with an event in Haliburton in their quest to drive evil to its knees.

The group call themselves We Workers, and during the last weeks of October they hosted Halloween for Hunger, a food drive that not only raised a stockpile for the local food bank, but also spread their message of hope across the halls of JDH. The We Workers were surprised and enthused with the success they encountered and took joy in the happiness that the food would bring. Still, even this triumph could not contain this organization's unmatched enthusiasm to do good. And so they joined the Vow of Silence, a special event where children within school across the nation took a vow not to speak for the entire day, to remain silent in order to bring recognition of the fact that there are many people out there without a voice. The student body quickly joined in, and soon most of the school had taken their pledges. The day was filled with silent classrooms as students proudly wore their Vow of Silence badges. It was a reminder of people's situations and what still needs to be done.

With those two successes under their belts, the group is still striving and thriving. Currently, they are raising money to build a school in Ecuador. With such fundraising ideas as candy cane grams, popcorn and in the near future a people auction, the We Workers are determined to carry out their ambition of helping others for better or for worse.

- Submitted by Angus Sullivan, JDHES student



Jenn Watt Echo staff
The informer, played by Carol Monaghan comes to private eye Phyllis Harlowe (Kim Barrett) in a dramatic scene.



Tessa Barnes as Darlene Bourgeois confronts the private eye who was searching for her.

Troupe takes thrilling twist

Jenn Watt
Editor

Wilberforce's homegrown theatre crew, the Loop Troupe, has embraced the mysterious world of quirky detective stories with their rendition of *That Was No Lady, That Was A Private Eye*.

The cast of 11 travel quickly through the plot of the one-act play, which shows private eye Phyllis Harlowe (played by Kim Barrett) in hot pursuit of Darlene Bourgeois (Tessa Barnes), the villain.

Audience members should recognize at least three

of the actors in this year's play, directed by Hilda Clark, as they all serve on Highlands East council.

Joan Barton, Steven Kauffeldt and Cecil Ryall all wonderfully fulfill their roles as manicurist, lounge singer and police officer, respectively.

A glimpse of Barton's wig is worth the price of admission.

That's No Lady runs Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Tickets are \$8 at the door and students get in for free.

See a full gallery of cast rehearsal pictures at haliburtonecho.ca.

Concept still afloat with formation of county committee

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past 15 years.

Bob Gallagher, CEO of the YMCA Belleville/Quinte/Peterborough, told council that while the idea of constructing a pool facility in a sparsely populated area such as Haliburton County may be financially daunting, it is feasible.

"There are YMCA's in small areas and some examples are Innisfil, Wasaga Beach and Goderich," said Gallagher. "There are risks around capital development."

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey expressed concerns with the study's targeted sample.

"That age group is the working class here, the poorest sector of our economy and the seniors are going to be subsidized. The group that want these facilities are the ones that have the ability to pay, in my opinion," said Fearrey. "So we're not even talking to them about this?"

The over 65 demographic, said Stevenson, was a difficult one to target for logistical reasons.

As for leaving the seasonal residents out of the survey, Fearrey pointed out this group would be paying for 80 per cent of

the cost through taxes.

The information collected from the research, said Stevenson, would not focus so much on the capital costs but rather on whether the county could afford to operate and sustain it.

"You can't make that case based on seasonal residents," said Stevenson.

Fearrey questioned the YMCA's role in the project, to which Gallagher replied the organization would only come into a community with an invitation.

"Just one more question, do you know any other places in the province the size of Haliburton County that has one swimming pool, with a population of 16,000?" asked Fearrey.

That line of thinking, said Stevenson, was the wrong way to approach the issue. As is the case with the majority of municipalities, a multi-use facility would be a better fit for the needs of a community than just a pool, he argued.

"Don't get the idea I'm totally negative about this, I want a pool too. I just think we're ahead of ourselves and more dialogue is needed," said Fearrey.

"We're responding to a request, we're not proponents of building a pool here," said

Stevenson. "We're saying that if you're considering it you should do research to make an informed decision ... my business is to help you make an informed decision."

Other members of council expressed similar concerns to Fearrey.

"I went away for a month's holiday and I come back and find that the pool is the No. 1 issue in Haliburton County," said Bill Davis, deputy-reeve of Dysart et al.

There are other more pressing concerns, said Davis, including affordable housing.

Looking at the next steps in the process, Reid asked how long it would be before the research started, given the county decided to move ahead.

"Our decision today is whether we want to make a grant application request," said Reid. "We could get denied for funding. All we're doing is applying for funding."

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch raised the issue of whether council was willing to spend more money if the proposal was taken to a second or third step.

"Step two will also require money," said Murdoch, "I've been in politics for 30 years, it's always about money."

A presentation following Stevenson's delegation was made by Harvey Bates on

behalf of the community swimming pool initiative.

Bates reiterated the group's interest in a swimming pool and the benefits one would bring to the county.

Fearrey asked if further discussion on the issue was necessary before a resolution was brought forth.

"Like the Rail Trail, I think we have to take control of this issue," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt.

A resolution to proceed with applying for a grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation for funding to be used to assist in undertaking a pool feasibility study and be included in the economic development budget was brought forward.

A recorded vote, as requested by Murdoch, saw all councillors, minus Reid, vote nay, thus defeating the motion.

"I think we need to have a next step, we need to come out of today with an action item," said Moffatt. "We can't just say no and walk away."

A resolution to form a committee to continue discussions with appropriate parties on the pool issue was unanimously carried.



Snow Shuffle winner

It's easy to smile for Haliburton resident Teresa Johnston, who drew these cards for a straight and won the \$1,500 at the annual Snow Shuffle fundraising event at and for the West Guilford Community Centre on Saturday, Feb. 26.

This event, which drew close to 200 people for the snowmobile poker run, bingo, dancing and the dinner, helps to raise money for the West Guilford Community Centre. Organizers, who also offered a barbecue lunch on Kushog Lake, encourage public participation in the event even if they don't snowmobile.

The Snow Shuffle Committee members were Lynn Morrison, Carm Sawyer, Dave Walker, Jamie Bacon, Matt Barnhart and Bryan Cooney.

Darren Lum Echo staff



Sheila Ziman, chairperson of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, discusses the process by which her group acquires and protects ecologically sensitive land. Administrative assistant Elisha Barlow joined her at the front of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre meeting room to unveil the new Species At Risk journal.
Jenn Watt
Echo staff

Land trust launches updated journal

Jenn Watt
Editor

There are now 21 species at risk in Ontario that can be found in Haliburton County.

After the Ministry of Natural Resources added more species to its list, which includes seven new birds, the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust decided to re-release its journal cataloging the animals.

"Since the first journal was put out in 2009, the Ontario government added eight new species to the species at risk list," Sheila Ziman, chairperson of the HHLT told a gathering at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Feb. 19.

All eight of those new species are found in this county.

Originally, the re-launch event was supposed to include two bird experts - Audrey Heagy and Elisabeth van Stam of Bird Studies Canada - but bad weather forced the pair to cancel their trip.

Instead, Ziman guided the group through Haliburton's at-risk species, making note of their more interesting characteristics.

Many species are at risk due to human interference in environment or persecution due to a perceived danger the animal poses.

For example, the eastern hog-nosed snake will rear up like a cobra when frightened, but is not venomous.

The journal includes full-colour photographs of the 21 species and thorough descriptions of their habitat preferences and threats to the species.

It also includes a reporting form, which the HHLT is asking people to fill out when they see one of the at-risk species to help with ongoing documentation.

The land trust can be reached at 705-454-8107, admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca or at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

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Auctioneer Jim Neilson addresses the 130 people who attended the 25th anniversary Rotary Club of Haliburton's Auction and Dinner fundraising event hosted by the PineStone Resort in Haliburton on Saturday, Feb. 26.

It was a record year for the event that drew 130 people and helped to raise \$18,000, which smashes the previous records for attendance of 95 people and fundraising total of \$12,000.

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Students use their noodles to collect pasta

Jade Fisher
Echo Co-op student

The TLDSB Great Pasta Challenge wrapped up Feb. 28. High school students across the district have been collecting pasta in hopes of making a difference and filling up some cupboards. All donations will be distributed to various food banks in our area.

Grade 11 student Loretta Kerr is conducting this year's challenge wants to do better than last year. "I think as students we should help out our community," says Kerr who enjoys making a difference.

The Pasta Challenge promotes helping others and unity. It is a positive way for our community to work as a team and diminish hunger. "There are a lot of needs to be filled in this county" said Kerr.

The Red Hawks will fill these needs to the best of their abilities and hope to bring home the Pasta Trophy. Even without a prize, these students are still making a difference and supporting Haliburton one noodle at time.



Loretta Kerr shows some of the pasta collected for the school's challenge.

Jade Fisher
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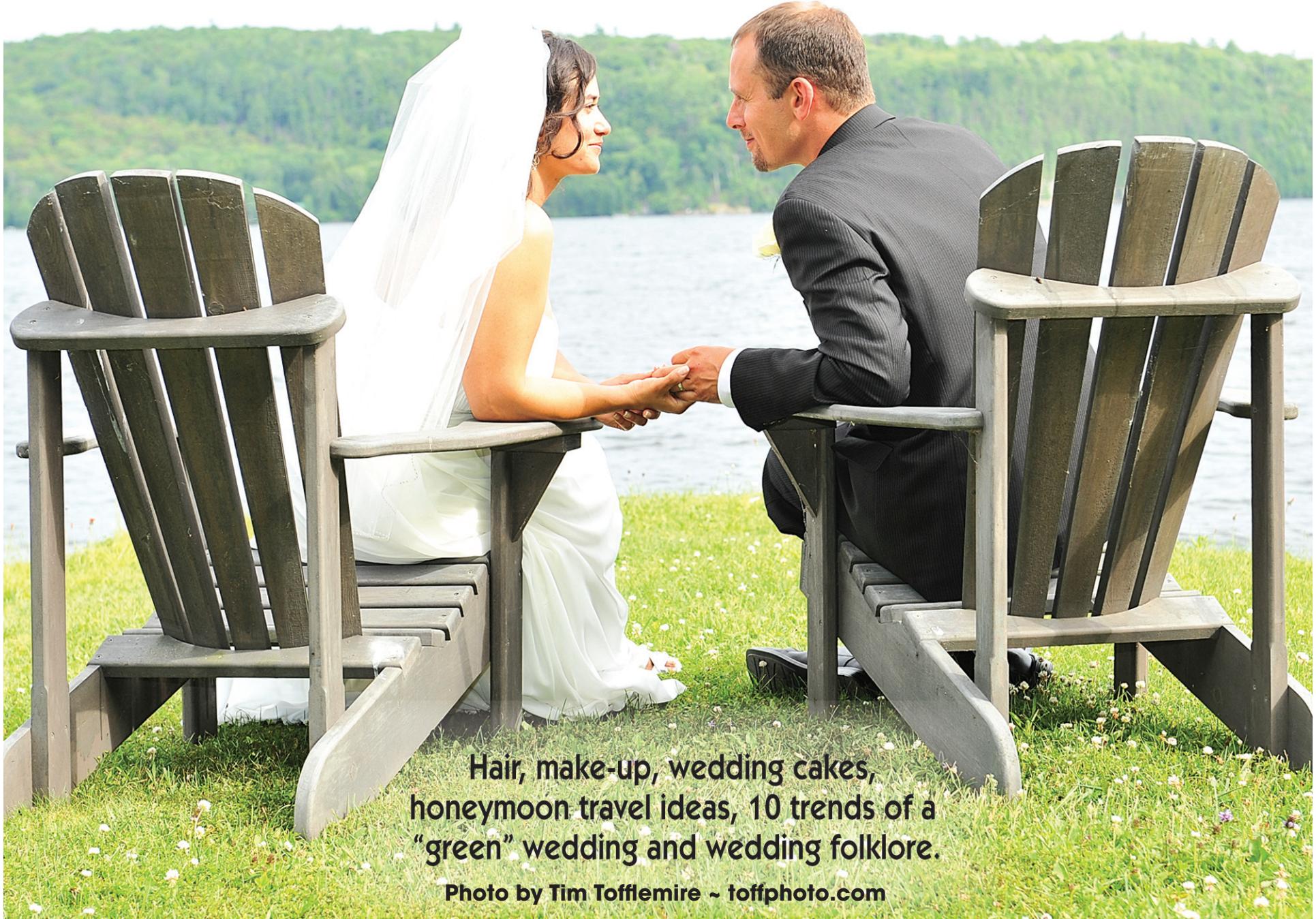
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Congratulations! You are getting married — now what?

This is likely the first question that comes to the mind of most brides.

Most young women dream of the perfect day. However, what do you need to know in order to have that happen?

Well, when it is all said and done, I believe that there is really only one rule – be true to yourself. It may sound like something so obvious; however, it is the hardest thing to be able to achieve.

When you look at the pressure that you receive from your family, your soon to be family, your friends, and your soon to be spouse, there is one person that usually gets left behind – you.

You have been dreaming of this day since you were small; the dress, the shoes, the prince on the white horse and so on. But you are not five anymore. Do you still look at things that same way? Do you still love that big princess gown with the crystal shoes? Do you still want the 47 bridesmaids? How about the tiara and the veil as long as Princess Diana's?

Here is a quick guide to how to achieve what you want on your special day.

1) Collect as many reference pictures as you can. Any amount of pictures can be helpful to those vendors that you deal with. Collect what you like and what you don't, they all help to give a good idea as to what you are looking for.

2) Develop a theme. This helps to keep all of your grand ideas on a similar track. Sometimes we get too many ideas and we need to have some help keeping everything connected together and not scattered.

3) Pick your vendors. This is where most people get lost. You need to look at all of your requirements for the big day. Venue, minister, florist, hair and make-up, nails, transport, photographer, etc, etc. The list goes on and on, but you need to make sure that you have all of these locked in place. Most vendors will require deposits, which is your safety belt when it comes to making sure that they don't double book on your date or time; it also protects you, making sure that you have that vendor booked. Goodwill is a wonderful thing, but in the world of bridal, you need to have a paper that says you have it locked in.

4) Book your services – meaning you hair, make-up, nails, massage, tan, and so forth – but first, do a consultation or trial. When it comes to these services, you need to think very carefully. Make sure that whoever you book is someone that you feel comfortable with and is willing to work with you – they have to listen to what you want and are comfortable with. These are one of the most essential things that happen on the day of the wedding; they can either make or break your day. It may sound superficial, but what are you like on a bad hair day? Multiply that with your dreams that

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remember that everyone that you hold dear is going to be watching you! Are you up to it? Well, it pays to make sure. Remember the story of your mom and her wedding day and how she got her hair done and then went home and washed it out? Don't let that happen to you. When it comes to picking these services, there are a couple of extra questions that you may wish to consider.

Go back to your first question – who are you? Are you a real glam and glitz kind of girl? A clean and fresh farm kind of girl? Whatever you feel that you are, you need to hold true to that. Remember, people want to see you – the real you – maybe just a little polished up – not overhauled and unrecognizable.

Next, don't get too contemporary; remember that classic is always timeless – remember those pictures you've seen from the '80s? Do you want to look back at your pictures and think that you made the worst choice of your adult life? Whether make-up or hair, keep them safe and simple and

they will always remain beautiful.

The other biggest suggestion that I can recommend is on location services. This may be new to you, but, over the past 20 years, I have found that salon-based wedding days are way more stressful and complicated than getting the party ready in a home or hotel or resort. Whenever you have a salon-based wedding day, you are likely to run late. People in the party may arrive late, or not at all. This will put everything behind and create unneeded stress. You may also find that multiple service salons end up holding one thing up due to something else running behind, therefore pushing your schedule out of whack and creating a sense of panic. If you do this on location, you take all of that away as well as reducing the time that you need to spend in transit to and from and the coordination that all of this requires. A professional salon will be more than willing to go on location and come fully prepared for anything. There may be a surcharge for these services, but to be stress-free and relaxed is worth it.



can happen, so doing this eliminates the chance of a small (or large) disaster from happening.

6) Take some time out. You need to rest your head before the big day. Take a day for yourself – however that works for you, but do it. This helps you to keep calm and your head on your shoulders for the hurricane of events to come. Be at peace with your self and all the details. If anything comes up, write it down and pass it on; this is what you have a bridal party for.

7) And last, but definitely not least, get ready to enjoy. The one thing that I hear from almost every bride after, is how little they actually remember from the actual day. It seems like a blink of an eye and then it is over. All of the planning and energy is done, the event is over and what do you remember? Do your best to capture every moment both visually and emotionally. It will be the best thing that you can do.

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The multi-tiered cake is a favourite wedding tradition that's often presented at the end of the night. The happy couple takes a slice and enjoys the first piece.

In recent years, wedding cakes have become more of an artistic centerpiece than just a confectionary treat. Couples often seek out renowned wedding cake bakers for a cake that will amaze the crowd and complete the theme of the wedding.

The average couple will spend between \$700 to \$800 for their wedding cake. Although many catering halls or reception sites will include the wedding cake in a package deal, many couples choose to order their cake from a specialty bakery who creates culinary masterpieces.

If television trends are any indication, many people are opting to spend several hundred to thousands of dollars on a customized wedding cake. These

fondant and buttercream creations may be elaborate in nature, so much so they'll likely need to be ordered several months in advance.

Couples looking for something a bit different for their upcoming nuptials, many want to consider these trends in wedding cakes.

- 3-D accents on the cake, such as graphic appliques.
- A black-and-white motif that gives the cake a simplistic, yet trendy appeal.
- A lot of bold colour in the cake, instead of just white or ivory.
- Dramatic monograms that can add class to the cake.
- Painted cakes with edible food colouring paint that feature beautiful landscapes or a portrait. A work of art, they're both delicious to eat and fun to admire.
- Cakes that mirror the style of the wedding gown, including fondant ruffles and appliques.

Many couples still opt for the traditional, and that is always in style. Instead of experimenting with the outside of the cake, couples can be creative with cake flavour and fillings. Imagine cutting open the cake to find red velvet or a chocolate ganache filling!

Wacky wedding facts

According to TheKnot.com, the unofficial experts on all things weddings, there are some things that may surprise the average person about weddings across the country. Here are some facts to consider.

- The average engagement ring costs more than \$5,800.
- Most brides have one do-it-yourself element, such as favours or escort cards.

• "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" and "Lady in Red" are the two most popular first dance songs (even though 87 percent of brides wear white).

• Only 19 percent of couples rely on a wedding planner.

• Ancient Romans broke a cake over the bride's head to symbolize fertility. Today, brides must be fortunate to have only a little cake smashed in their faces!

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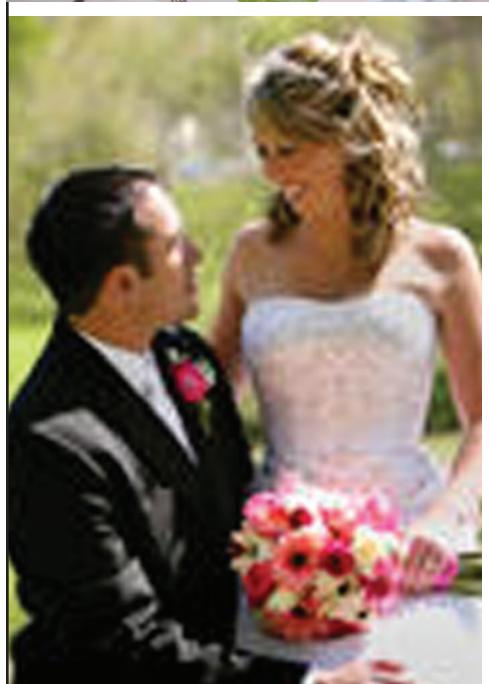
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Ten trends for 'green' weddings

Environmentally friendly ideals are now permeating all aspects of daily living. Many people want to take the concept further and ensure their nuptials – and subsequent reception – are good for the planet as well.

Although there are no firm statistics on the number of green weddings being held each year, emerging trends point to the growing interest in eco-conscious weddings. Individuals who already do their best to recycle, reuse and reduce want to employ those same values on their wedding day.

There are many ways to employ a green mindset to wedding planning and execution. Largely the carbon footprint of a wedding can be reduced simply by scaling back and avoiding over-consumption. Here are some ideas to think about.

1. Reduce travel. Research indicates that more than two-thirds of emissions in the U.S. are produced by energy consumption and transportation. By reducing guests' need to travel far for a wedding or offering transportation that can accommodate several people at once (like a bus), carbon emissions will be reduced.

2. Home is where the heart is. Keeping weddings close to home is helpful. Those with big backyards or a park nearby can host the event at home or in a nearby park and reduce dependence on large reception halls that use up large amounts of energy to operate. A home wedding also gives couples the opportunity to shop around for locally produced, organic foods.

3. Shop for floral alternatives. Flowers would seem "green" in themselves. However, many blooms available at florist shops are grown in hothouses with the use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers, something that is not very good for the environment at all. Brides opting for something more eco-conscious could consider alternative options, such as bouquets made of sustainable succulent plants and centerpieces full of organic fruits and wildflowers.

4. Choose an open registry. Instead of fine



Green wedding trends are growing in popularity as more brides and grooms want to be eco-friendly.

china that may never be used, many couples are opting for open registries that enable guests to gift everything from eco-friendly housewares to charitable donations to cash for down payments on a home.

5. Opt for mixed seating arrangements: Instead of formal escort cards indicating firm seating arrangements, couples are saving paper by allowing guests to choose their own seats from mix-matched options, such as long, communal benches and comfy sofas.

6. Go with something old. Recycled gowns and gently used items are good alternatives for eco-conscious brides. Many websites will match up brides with others looking to swap items at low or no cost.

7. Skip the paper. Though etiquette experts frown

on abandoning paper invitations for electronic ones, many couples are doing just that. For those who still prefer paper, print invitations on recycled paper. Reduce other wedding stationery needs by posting information on a wedding website shared with family and friends.

8. Go small scale. Instead of inviting every last cousin and distant uncle, couples are opting for more intimate affairs, including only the people they are closest to, which saves on cost and helps the environment.

9. Trim some of the wedding day fat. Some couples opt for an all-you-can-eat buffet and then a subsequent dessert bar later on in the evening. Stuffed guests may end up wasting more food than eating it. Instead of all-you-can, go for a more traditional meal.

10. Choose a charitable party favour. Instead of a party favour that collects dust on a shelf, couples are choosing to gift with organic products or a donation to a charitable organization in the guests' names.

Expensive weddings

Though it's difficult to call it official, the 2004 wedding of Vanisha Mittal, daughter of steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal, is considered the most expensive wedding in history. With a final tab of \$60 million, the wedding included invitations mailed in silver boxes, rooms at a five-star Paris hotel and performances by pop singer Kylie Minogue. That final price tag dwarfs another famously expensive wedding, that of British soccer star Wayne Rooney and his wife Coleen McLoughlin. The Manchester United star reportedly spent \$8 million on their nuptials, which included a chartered flight for friends to Genoa for a masked ball on a yacht valued at well over \$100 million. Americans might recall a more recent and extravagant wedding, that of former first daughter Chelsea Clinton, whose 2010 wedding reportedly cost between \$3 to 5 million. A similar price tag was given to Beatles legend Paul McCartney in 2002 when he married former model Heather Mills. Unfortunately, that cost did not guarantee marital bliss, as the couple separated in 2006, eventually divorcing in 2008.

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Brides and grooms often have an ideal of what their wedding will be – a vision of their perfect day. While each couple's vision is unique, they all share the same burden – the ever-rising cost of weddings.

Be it a lavish ceremony and celebration with hundreds of guests, or a more intimate affair attended by only close family and friends, weddings are never easy on the bottom line. Thankfully, cost-conscious couples can take some creative steps to ensure they still have the wedding and honeymoon of their dreams without breaking the bank to do so.

- Calling all sponsors! With the economy still on the mend, couples can rest assured knowing there are deals to be had with regards to all aspects of their pending nuptials. One increasingly popular trend is to have the wedding "sponsored" by local vendors. In exchange for discounted services rendered, couples agree to mention contractors in their wedding program or display business cards at the reception table. For example, wedding photographers often make their money through word of mouth, so a reference in the wedding program might be enough to garner couples a discount on the photographer's services. Such "sponsorships" will need to be agreed upon before the big day, but can save couples a significant amount of money.

- Get help with the honeymoon. Unlike couples of yesteryear, today's couples often live together before walking down the aisle. This has made traditional wedding registries somewhat obsolete, as couples often already have everything they need.

"We already lived together and had all the kitchen gadgets, towels and bed sheets we could possibly need," says Sarah, who lived with her now-husband Patrick prior to getting married.

Thankfully, Sarah and Patrick discovered Honeyfund.com, a free online honeymoon registry catering to couples who could use some help planning and paying for their perfect honeymoon.

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Couples have options, including cash registries, to help them avoid breaking the bank to pay for their dream wedding.

allowing guests the satisfaction of giving a gift the newlyweds would truly enjoy. Wedding guests can conveniently choose from a host of activities listed by the newlyweds themselves. From dinners and hotels to ferry and gondola rides, even airline and train tickets, Honeyfund offers a wide selection of gifts for wedding guests while helping savvy and creative couples significantly reduce the cost of their first getaway as a married couple.

- Save, save, save. Traditionally, the bride's family foots the bill for the wedding. With that tradition fading and today's couples now bearing more of the burden of paying for their wedding, saving is critical. As bridal couples enter the biggest buying period of their lives, escalating costs of home down payments, furniture, appliances, and child rearing only amplify the need for savings. Couples can get some relief by directing their friends and family to gift registries like Honeyfund.com, where guests can contribute to a down payment for the young couple's first home, or a general savings fund that can be used for projects, furnishings or anything the couple needs. Guests often love knowing how their financial contribution is being spent, be it for a home down payment, home improvement projects or other savings.

"Wedding gift givers are flocking to cash registries because they are hassle-free and provide an opportunity to give something unique," says Sara Margulis, CEO of Honeyfund.com. "A honeymoon experience or a contribution toward the couple's first home are memories that last a lifetime."

To learn more about Honeyfund, visit www.Honeyfund.com.

Wedding folklore, myths and good luck charms

Who doesn't hope for good fortune on their wedding day? That's why there are so many traditions and steps people take to ensure luck is smiling down on them for their wedding. Here are some traditions you may not have known about.

- According to Greek culture, tuck a sugar cube into your glove on your wedding. The sugar will sweeten your union.
- English tradition says that Wednesday is the best day to marry. Monday is for wealth and Tuesday is for health. Saturday is considered the unluckiest day to marry.
- The English also believe a spider found in a wedding dress is good luck.
- The groom carries his newly betrothed across the threshold to protect her from evil spirits.
- Hindu tradition says rain on your wedding day is good luck.
- For good luck, Egyptian women are known to pinch the bride on her wedding day.
- In Holland a pine tree is planted outside of the newlyweds' home for good luck and fertility.
- A law in 1775 said a wedding was not legal if the bride wore makeup during the ceremony.
- Wedding and engagement rings are worn on the fourth finger of the left hand because it was long believed a vein ran from that finger directly to the heart.
- Ancient Greeks and Romans said a wedding veil protected the bride from evil spirits. It has been a tradition to wear a veil ever since.
- The term "tie the knot" comes from Roman times when the bride wore a girdle tied in knots that the groom was later able to untie. Some also believe it refers to the knots of rope that were tied to form the marriage bed.

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As a mother (and their travel agent) I am so glad that my son Patrick, and his beautiful bride, Jashelle were able to have their honeymoon in Aruba in 2009. My daughter Chloe already knows where she wants to go – Bora Bora!

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Sports

Knights no match for Hawks

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It was close to perfection for the Red Hawks boys' hockey team's playoff opener against the visiting Norwood District Secondary School Knights for the Kawartha League hosted at the Dysart Arena on Thursday, Feb. 24.

Haliburton head coach Ron Yake said he couldn't think of anything the team did wrong in the 8-0 win in front of a small group of fans, adding his team had an excellent game.

He said if his team didn't get penalized then that would have been perfect, but not realistic.

With the team's first goal minutes into the game by forward Ian Bottum, who was the league's top goal scorer with 16, second in points (32) to teammate Brett Yake (33), and having it stand up to be the game winner, Haliburton's victory never appeared in doubt.



Darren Lum Echo staff

Red Hawks captain Scott Griffith squeezes past his check during a Kawartha League playoff game at the Dysart arena.



Darren Lum Echo staff

Red Hawks Brett Yake pushes the puck past his check in a Kawartha League playoff game against the Norwood Knights.

However, coach Yake admits his team was jittery before the game, but settled them down, reminding them about their goal to win the provincial championship and how they finished with an unprecedented perfect season (12-0-0).

"Everyone was a little nervous to start. Some butterflies, not knowing what to expect out of Norwood because we hadn't seen them all year," he said. "I just basically told them: 'Continue with what you've been doing all year. That is moving the puck and keep your feet moving. Because [you] have very good skill level, as we've seen all year' ... so just to reassure them that everything will be fine if they did that ... 'stay out of the penalty box.' That's exactly what happened," he said.

Haliburton forward Mark Vasey, who finished with a hat-trick, added the insurance markers, scoring the second and third goals late in the first and minutes into the second period.

Haliburton scoring came from Bottum, who finished with three points (two goals and an assist), Yake's three points (one goal and two assists) and captain Scott Griffith's three points (one goal and two assists), including two assists from Ashton Haley. Single assists came from Keaton Gadway, Jordan Howe, Aaron Hillier and Chris Judge.

Haliburton goalie Andi Elia, who earned the shutout, faced six shots while Knights' goalie Devin Gerow in contrast had his hands full, as the Red Hawks kept coming and out-shot the visitors by at least four times.

The fourth place Knights of the South Central division were 1-9-2 in the regular season while Haliburton finished

as not only the best team from the North Central division, but the only undefeated team in the 14-team Kawartha League.

Coach Yake was quick to point out the strength of the team exists in its balance with and without the puck.

"Winning 8-0 is nice, but it's the overall team defensive play and the goals against. Out of all the accomplishments the team's had this year that's the one I really talked about [and emphasized with the team]," he said.

The Red Hawks were a scoring powerhouse and employed a strong defense in the league, finishing with 89 goals for and only 17 against.

Haliburton will play its next playoff game against the Thomas A. Stewart Griffins in Peterborough at the Kinsmen Arena at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday this week.

The Red Hawks have handily defeated the Griffins in three games during the regular season, outscoring them 19-4.

Haliburton coach Bruce Griffith said those scores were misleading, as he counts the Griffins games among the toughest this season.

The Griffins were in the same North Central division and finished with a 7-5-0 record.

Jake Withers was the Griffins' top scorer with 17 points (eight goals and nine assists).

If they win they will play for the Kawartha League Championship at 3:30 p.m. in the Kinsmen Arena.

The winner will host the losing team for the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics final early Monday evening on March 7.

Putting the best ski forward for love of sport

➤ Haliburton couple competes at World Masters this week, focusing on the fun over finish

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A Haliburton couple is heading west for challenge and love.

Len and Kit Pizsey share an undeniable passion for Nordic skiing, which permeates throughout their lives from the off-season training of running and biking to the healthy lifestyle they have 12 months of the year, dedicated to progress in the sport and for their health.

The retired couple have been Nordic skiers for more than a third of their lives and will compete at the upcoming Masters World Cup 2011 hosted by Sovereign Lake, Vernon, B.C. from March 3 to 11.

This is Len's fifth and Kit's fourth time competing at the Masters, taking last year off to officiate the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics.

Both have become more serious skiers since they retired several years ago.

Dubbed the Olympics for Nordic masters skiers more than 30 years old, the competition will draw more than a thousand from 22 countries, including 472 Canadians – the largest contingent.

Although they put in a robust effort at the long-distance races, the Pizzseys downplay the competition, focusing on how their lives are enriched by the sport, whether they compete or officiate.

The best experience Len had in a masters competition had nothing to do with the race and everything to do with the former host village of Brusson, Italy of a few years ago.

"They went beyond what was expected. The whole town got behind the World Masters. There was an evening the people of the town opened up their houses and dressed up in traditional costumes and did traditional crafts," he said. "You could go in and watch them wood carve, or knit ... all kinds of things people do in Italy traditionally. There were people in medieval costumes walking the streets. There was medieval music being played. They cooked polenta over open fires. They had people dressed up as firefighters from the previous century who rappelled down church towers. It was just the most absolutely amazing cultural experience. It was probably the highlight of the World Masters that [Kit and I] have had."

For Len, his friends and wife – who will also compete – enhance the experience.

"It makes it a lot more fun. You can support each other and it gives you a chance

to spend time together that you might not otherwise have," he said. "For Kit and me, a really big part of the pleasure we get out of being retired is that we can do these activities together. Skiing, biking and fitness is something we share. It's really just fun," he said, adding there isn't any expectation or judgment. It's all a positive experience.

Also coming from Haliburton County are Marcel Crete, Bob Heyes and his wife Jane, including Risto Santala.

Len has registered to compete in the 30-kilometre, 10-km and 45-km races using the free technique, or skate-skiing style for the 55 to 59 age category.

With a two-day separation between the three distances, Len thinks the 10 km distance is too much like a sprint distance for him and believes his best results will occur in the longer distances.

Kit, who will compete in the 10 km, 20 km and 30 km distances, said for her, Nordic skiing is more about camaraderie and passion than specific placing.

"[Len and I] have friends from sea to sea," she said, adding the fitness benefits maintain her interest.

A competitor in the 60 to 64 age class, Kit said she not only gets to test herself against the best around the world, but against her personal best, regarding the masters as the pinnacle of competition.

Although she uses the event for motivation to train, her aspiration is to be close to the first half of the field, but is happy just to not finish last.

Her best finish in the masters was a ninth place finish two years ago in Autrans, France.

She is inspired by the older competitors who are in their 90s and hopes she is able to compete at that age.

Both Len and Kit, who are actively involved in the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Ski Club, are high ranking officials in Nordic skiing, enabling them to facilitate competitions around the world instead of only competing.

In the days leading up to the competition, the couple went to the Vernon, B.C. and will spend two weeks acclimatizing to the altitude that is expected to be close to 1,900 metres high when they race at Sovereign Lake later this week.



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Red Hawks show Wright stuff at Nordic COSSA finals

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

He flew across the finish line to a berth to the all-provincials.

Red Hawks senior Josh Wright finished as the first individual competitor in his class and was awarded the top time once group ski times were removed, in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics finals hosted by Haliburton at Glebe Park on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Wright covered the 8 km distance in a time of 27:14 on a fast course under sunny conditions.

He had been showing marked improvement in the two races leading up to the finals, earning a fifth and a third place.

Wright is the lone Haliburton Highlands Secondary School representative for the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Nordic Championships, as hosted at the Nakkertok Cross Country Ski Club in Ottawa on Thursday, March 3 and Friday, March 4.

Haliburton teammates Jillian Mayhew and Jacob Outram

both won COSSA gold and Lindsey Pogue placed third in novice, but novice competitors are not eligible to compete at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations finals.

Red Hawks Christine Darlington finished fourth while teammate McKenzie Hill finished in fifth in the junior girls' class.

Senior Greg Foster finished 12th while junior teammate Ryan VanLieshout did not finish.



Above, junior skiers Christine Darlington, who placed fourth, and teammate, right, McKenzie Hill, who finished fifth, were just out of the top-three for an all-provincial finals berth. Photos by Darren Lum

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Haliburton Kawartha B-side Champions

Red Hawks boys curling team advances to COSSA

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys' curling team were able to come through in the clutch, losing only one game through five during the eight-team double-knockout Kawartha Curling Championships hosted by Campbellford from Feb. 22 to Feb. 25.

Despite a second game loss to St. Peter's Secondary School, who narrowly beat the Red Hawks 7-6, Haliburton followed the loss with two wins, dominating their opposition on the last day, outscoring them 26-12.

First, it was I.E. Weldon Secondary who felt the sting of a Haliburton team set on not losing again.

The Red Hawks scored first, but were answered by I.E. Weldon's four points in the fourth end.

However Haliburton responded with one in the fifth and added nine more unanswered points to win 11-4.

In Haliburton's second game the dominance continued with another convincing win over the St. Thomas Aquinas Titans 7-2.

A few hours later Haliburton would find redemption.

With the hammer, Haliburton would vindicate an earlier loss to the St. Peter's Secondary School Saints and won 8-6.

The win gives the team of skip, Jesse Walker, vice, Owen Duhaime, second, Mike Mazara and lead, Tyler Warham a berth to the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics finals in Sterling, Ontario on March 7.



Left, vice, Owen Duhaime, lead, Tyler Warham, second, Mike Mazara, skip, Jesse Walker and coach Tom Dibblee had reason to smile advancing to the COSSA finals with a Kawartha Championship won last week. /Submitted photo

The team advanced to this final with a fifth place at the Kawartha South West Curling finals in Omemee despite forfeiting two games while winning the Gore Regional Provincial Championships.

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Season wraps up for Bantam B girls

The Highland Storm Bantam B girls wrapped up their season in Wilberforce on Sunday night. They hosted the North Simcoe (Midland) Capitals in the last game of their provincial play-downs.

Jumping out to a 2-0 lead in the first on goals by Sydney Feir and Nicole Black, the Storm girls were unable to defend their lead and gave up four unanswered goals, losing their final game of the season 4-2.

A great year with many hi-lights, including our Orillia Sunshine Tournament Championship. Work on your areas of "needing improvement" over the off-season and get ready to "storm" into the Bantam B loop next year girls. We have made other teams take notice. The coaching staff would also like to thank Minden Car Quest.

Auto for their sponsorship this season as well as the other businesses, volunteers and family contributions of support for our team.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Atom AEs sweep Huntsville in divisional semi-finals

Final Scores: 2-0 and 4-1 wins over Huntsville.

The Floyd Hall Insurance Atom AEs quickly picked up the pieces of their OMHA ouster and swept past Huntsville in two games this past weekend.

The first game was in Minden and it became quickly apparent that Huntsville is a much-improved squad. Still, our boys seemed to score whenever they needed. A goal in the first period by Shawn Walker that was assisted by Noah Black opened the scoring and Matthew Manning's goal helped by Ben Schmidt quickly followed. These two goals and some solid goaltending by Carson Sisson were all they needed to secure the win but as the seconds ticked down Jesse Sisson added an exclamation point by scoring an empty-netter on a nice shot from centre.

The second game started in much the same fashion. Early

goals by Ryan Prentice assisted by Alex Petrie and Jaxson Campbell and Bo Stevenson also supported by Alex Petrie and Aiden Garbutt put the Highland team in a secure position to win. Matthew Manning scored off a rebound by Shawn Walker in the second period and Ryan Prentice added his second of the night off a nice shot from the point. Jesse Sisson and Matthew Manning assisted on the play.

Unfortunately, Huntsville broke the two game shutout by scoring in the final few minutes but by then it was inconsequential.

Our boys now wait for the outcome of Bracebridge and Port Carling to see who they will meet in the final. Well done boys!

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Bantam AEs earn finals berth in MPSHL playoffs

The Bantam AE Storm has closed out two of the three competitions that they are still participating in. The OMHA play downs came to a conclusion with a loss to the Douro Dukes in Haliburton on Feb. 15. In the series finale the Dukes won 4-1. Goalie Logan Churko stopped everything he could see but the Dukes continually sent bodies to the net and every possible break seemed to go their way. Braden Roberts carried the Storm offensively and once again scored on a solo dash but it was a case of too little too late. The Storm could match the will and effort of the visitors but not their size and strength.

The Bantams ended the Tri-county regular season on a high note as they polished off Omeme 2-1 on Feb. 26.

To begin the MPSHL playoffs the Storm faced the Huntsville Otters on Feb. 25. They opened with a 5-1 victory in Huntsville. The Otters came to Minden on Sunday Feb. 27 for Game 2 and once again went down to defeat. In a tight game the Storm won 4-3. The line of Braden Roberts, Hunter Bishop, and Tyler Casey were all over the score sheet. Roberts and Bishop had two goals each while Casey was instrumental in setting up the goal scorers. They are now set to face Bracebridge in the finals. The Bantams are sponsored by Parker Pad and Printing.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan



Darren Lum Echo staff

The Wilberforce Rockets still finished with smiles despite falling to cross-town rivals the Bancroft Jets 4-2 during a round-robin playoff game in the Wilberforce/Bancroft junior house league playoffs at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena on Sunday, Feb. 27.

Peewee AEs win one, lose one

Randy's Tree care and Landscaping Peewee AEs travelled to Brighton for the first game in the best three out of five. The Brighton Braves are a small but mighty team as they scored three goals in the first three minutes of the game making the Storm boys look like they had stayed at home. With a time out by coach Mike MacNaull and a chat to the team they seemed to pull themselves together some what and started to play hockey, but now playing a game of catch up. The first Storm goal was scored in the first period by Regan Casey, with assists to Max MacNaull and Drew Vanlieshout. The Storm still had a lot of work to do and managed to score two more goals in the second period tying the game, by Max MacNaull and Alex Wilbee, with assists to Ethan Cooper, Josh Rowden, Jake Bull and Greg Crofts. The Braves scored pulling ahead only to have the Storm score and tie it up again and this continued on through the third period, each team matching the other's goals.

Our goals went to Josh Rowden and Drew Vanlieshout, assists to Mac Rider, Ethan Cooper(2) and Mitch Billings. Until the go-ahead goal was scored by Ethan Cooper, with assists to Max MacNaull and Jon Morrison with two minutes to go in the third. Try as they might the Braves could not get the tying goal and the win of 6-5 went to the Highland Storm. Whose now stressed out fans breathed a small sigh of relief, and wondered what Sunday's game would bring. I think the Braves had gotten our boys' attention, and given them a wake-up call.

The game Sunday in Minden started out better than Saturdays game but the

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MacNaull scores two goals

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Braves came out full force and the Storm boys seemed to have some trouble. It proved to be an exciting game with the Braves taking the win 3-2 after a valiant effort by the Storm boys to tie it up and force overtime. Both goals

Submitted by Karena Crofts



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al, intends to pass a bylaw to dispose of certain lands, in the geographic Township of Dysart, County of Haliburton, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the purpose and effect of the proposed by-law is to authorize the sale of the said lands for addition to the adjacent property, to accommodate parking to service the existing warehouse business.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any person wishing to comment on the proposed sale should submit such comments in writing to the CAO/Clerk at the address set out below on or before the 9th day of March, 2011.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed by-law will come before the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al, at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario on the 14th day of March, 2011.

DATED at Haliburton and first published this 1st day of March, 2011.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.

CAO/Clerk

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SCHEDULE "A"

Part of Lot 12, Concession 9, further described as Part 1, Plan 19R-9248, in the geographic Township of Dysart, County of Haliburton.

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Part of Block B, Plan 467, further described as Part 1, Plan 19R-9247, in the geographic Township of Havelock, County of Haliburton.

Notices

Do you have something you want the county to know about?

Call 705-457-1037

NOTICE TO TRUCKERS 2011 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216, the province and the County of Haliburton enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect the County roadways during spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

Restriction on permits issued under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216:

As outlined in the Highway Traffic Act and County of Haliburton By-Law #2216, reduced loading will be in effect in the County of Haliburton effective 12:01 a.m. on March 1, 2011.

The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted.

All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act and the By-Law, unless otherwise specified, are not valid on any County Roads during the Reduced Loads Period.

Reduced load limits will be in effect where and when signs are posted.

WHEN SIGNS ARE POSTED, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL HAVE A REDUCED LOAD LIMIT FOR THEIR ENTIRE LENGTH:

County Roads 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 39, 48 & 507

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER STUDENTS (3) LANDFILL SITE ATTENDANT

The Municipality is seeking two summer student Landfill Site Attendants at the Haliburton Landfill and one for the West Guilford Landfill Site. Applicants must be Post-Secondary students planning to return to school in the fall. Estimated start date is May 9th, 2011. Wage is \$10.50 per hour based on a 40 hour work week that will include working weekend shifts. Driver's License is required. Green patch footwear must be worn. Duties include, but are not limited to, assisting in the operation of the site during landfill hours and maintaining effective control over the recycling program.

This position recruitment is subject to receipt of funding. Priority will be given to student(s) with disabilities; Aboriginal student(s) or student(s) who is(are) member(s) of a visible minority.

PARKS & RECREATION LABOURER (SEASONAL)

The successful candidate will be involved in a diverse range of job activities at various Municipal Parks and the Dysart Arena/Community Centre which include grass cutting and trimming, minor landscaping duties, performing building maintenance tasks and facility repairs, record keeping, event/rental setups and tear downs and janitorial duties.

A complete job description is available on our website or at the Municipal Office. This seasonal position is to commence in April until approximately October. The position is based on a 40 hour work week and involves variable shifts and weekend work. Rate of Pay: \$14.15 - \$16.41 per hour.

Interested individuals are invited to submit a detailed resumé to the undersigned by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18th, 2011.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.

CAO/Clerk

E-mail: tmckelvey@dysartetal.ca

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.

Julie Chadwick of Carnarvon saw this owl turn its head around while eating seed on the snow.



Kim Emmerson couldn't believe it when this saw-whet owl let him walk right up for a photo.



Wildlife in your backyard

Have a great nature shot? Send it to jwatt@haliburtonecho.ca. The bigger the file size the bigger we can print it.

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TIME CHANGE

Pursuant to By-law No. 2007-145, as amended, notice is hereby provided that the Council Meeting on Monday, March 7th, 2011, will start at 9:00 a.m. to consider the 2011 Preliminary Budget.

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CAO/Clerk

Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation

Vacancy on Board of Directors

The Board of the Corporation invites interested persons to apply to serve on the Board. The Board is seeking members to fill one vacancy with a term ending in 2012.

Eligible applicants must be a resident of the City of Kawartha Lakes or the County of Haliburton and be at least 18 year of age.

Experience in serving on the board of a non-profit agency is preferred.

Applications may be obtained from the office of the Corporation at the address below, or from Haliburton County at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario.

Applications are to be submitted by March 25th, 2011.

Applicants are asked to submit their applications and any supporting information such as a resume to:

Hope Lee, Secretary
Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation
322 Kent Street West, P.O. Box 2600
Lindsay, ON K9V 4S7
(705) 324-6401 ex. 102

Applicants selected for an interview may be requested to provide references and a police check.

The fizzysists were right, don'tcha know

Why if ol' Maybelle didn't used to think that a fizzysist is somebody who's having a hissy fit. But then I found out that a fizzysist is a scientist. That's right. Somebody who knows all about sub-atomic particulars and the Universe, don'tcha know. And who thinks us humans are energy in body suits!

Imagine that. Energy in body suits?! What are those fizzy guys drinking?

Well, when I first heard that I said, "No way, Hose Zay! Ol' Maybelle is a red blooded woman!" Okay, a little anemic, but who's counting blood cells? I am who you see. The gal with a glint in her eye, or is that a reflection in my new artificial iris?

Nevermind. I was the biggest skeptic this side of Holyburton, don'tcha know ... until I visited my good friend, Clarisse Florida Butterworth, in hospital.

Now, Clarisse's mama and papa gave her that middle name after the one place they always wanted to go but never got to ... Florida. So Clarisse was born with sunshine written all over her ... and an inborn determination to do everything she wanted to do in life.

Why you'd be hard pressed to find anybody happier than Clarisse for filling her days and years and minutes doing exactly what she loved to do. And she knew what that was pretty early on.

Clarisse loved to sing.

Truth be known, when Clarisse sang, most folks wanted to run for the hills. Or put a bag over her head. You see, in her mind she sounded like an angel. And because she was always volunteering to perform for all kinds of functions in Lake WhaddyathinkImean, nobody had the heart to tell her otherwise.

In fact, they loved her for it. Kinda like youngin's today like that Lady Goo-goo for telling them not to care about what other people think ... and to just be yourself, don'tcha know ... lampshade hats and all.

Where am I going with this?

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

Clarisse was also one of the most generous people you'd ever want to meet. Why she was always helping folks and encouraging them to follow their dreams.

She was Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom's biggest supporter. That's right. When everybody else (except his sweetheart, Vilma Yuccch) told him his ideas for new inventions were crazy, Clarisse told him to stick to his guns. And being a police officer, he had a couple.

And it was Clarisse who encouraged Vilma to start her online tie-dye sleeves business. Which is doing real well, I'm happy to report.

So, you can imagine how surprised I was seeing her in hospital not looking like herself

at all. You see, back in August, Clarisse was diagnosed with the Big "C" and given three months to live.

And live she continued to do. Doing all the things she loved to do. And not telling anybody how her body was failing her.

So there she was looking at this point about 100 years older and skinnier than all get out. But I also saw what those fizzysists were trying to tell us.

You see ... there she was like always with her big bright smile, her big happy shining eyes, and all the warm, funny, generous words she was always giving t'others. Why Clarisse was so much more than the body I saw sitting in that bed. Why, that wasn't who she was at all. She was still the same spirit ... or as those fizzy guys would say, the same energy that was the real Clarisse Florida Butterworth we all knew and loved.

That's why when she left us last week, all of us in Lake WhaddyathinkImean felt sad, but, in a way, good, too. Because she lived every ounce of her life exactly the way she wanted to.

So, now when I think about Clarisse, I see her just like I knew her - Florida sunshine warming my heart with a smile that could melt butter.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. This column is dedicated to the spirit of Cayle Chernin: 1947 - 2011. Listen to "Fireside Stories from Lake WhaddyathinkImean" on 100.9 CanoeFM every second Saturday of the month at 12:40 p.m.



Maybelle's Fireside Stories are sponsored by Teddy Time

Wilberforce mourns passing of Adele Barnes

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

Over recent days the family and friends of Adele Barnes have both mourned her passing and celebrated her life, sharing with each other memories of this well loved and highly respected woman.

Adele died on Feb. 22, 2011 at the hospital in Haliburton. During her 73 years she touched the lives of many in this community and beyond.

Adele has been part of the Wilberforce scene since arriving here as a child with her parents Ross and Margaret (Peggy) Ferguson and older sister Marilyn. She and Blake Barnes were married here, worked and raised their family here.

Since being widowed in her late 40s, Adele has worked and volunteered, always cheerfully and calmly contributing in a variety of ways. Much was accomplished while she was a member of the Monmouth recreation committee.

She knew the arena and other sports venues very well. Over the years she was active in the Community Care organization (in its present and former form) serving as president for lengthy terms.

She was a trusted driver getting many people safely to medical appointments. And hundreds enjoyed the benefits of her organization of numerous bus trips to exciting theatrical productions and interesting sites across the province.

Adele enjoyed being a member of The Loop Troupe. Though seldom on stage she was always playing important roles behind the scenes. She was a valued member of the board that managed the Maple View apartments and townhouse development.

Until her recent health problems she was still actively involved in the Loop Troupe and at Maple View.

A funeral service led by the Reverend Canon Anne Moore was held at the Haliburton Funeral Home on Friday, Feb. 25. Sympathy is extended to her children Sharon (Barry)

448-2018



Agnew, Eric (Wanda) Barnes, Heather (Cliff) Archer, Sheila Barnes, her grandchildren, great grandchildren and to all who knew and loved her. She will be remembered fondly and missed greatly.

For the annual fundraiser the Wilberforce Heritage Guild has a quilt on the frames at the Outpost Historic House. Quilters would be greatly appreciated if only for a few hours. Raffle tickets will go on sale in late April.

Have you been intending to round up some memorabilia related to the Wilberforce school? The 100th anniversary committee is actively seeking out items for display on April 30 and perhaps for Doors Open in mid June. Call the school, Hilda (448-2018) or Cathy (448-2211) for more information.

The annual firefighters' curling bonspiel was enjoyed this past weekend.

There will be no pancake luncheon at St. Margaret's church on Shrove Tuesday this year. There will be a loonie lunch there later in March.

We hope you have the Loop Troupe's play dates on your calendar. It is on this Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Only \$8 for adults. Students enter free. Tea/coffee and cookies will be available for a while before the show as well as afterward.

The Loop Troupe's back this year with a detective play March 4 and 5. Johnny La Lounge (Steven Kauffeldt) saves the day with his golden voice as henchwoman Victoria Carbonari (Jodi Rupnow) and the evil Darlene Bourgeois (Tessa Barnes) swoon.

Jenn Watt Echo staff

Registration

STANHOPE SOCCER REGISTRATION

Tuesday March 15 & Saturday March 26
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm & 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

BOYS and GIRLS

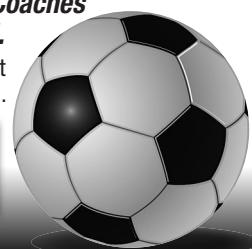
Ages 5 to 14 (as of June 21, 2011)

**Stanhope Fire Fighter's Hall
North Shore Road, Carnarvon**

**Volunteer Coaches, Assistant Coaches
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Please call the Recreation Department at 707-766-9968 for more information.

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Coming Events

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Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 2 pm

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Scott Carpenter
457-6236

Coming Events



HALIBURTON MOVIE NIGHTS

Thursday, March 10/11:

SCORE: A HOCKEY MUSICAL

Mix SLAPSHOT with GLEE and you get SCORE, a light hearted musical/comedy about our national obsession starring Olivia Newton-John, Marc Jordon, Stephen McHattie, Nelly Furtado, Walter Gretsky and Haliburton native Chris Ratz. Chris will be our special guest at both screenings. Dress in your hockey jersey and have some fun. Rated PG (92 min.)

Thursday, April 7/11 :

TAMARA DREWE

Thursday, May 12/11 :

MADE IN DAGENHAM

Thursday, June 9/11 :

THE KING'S SPEECH

2 shows – 4:15 and 7:15

Northern Light Pavilion, Haliburton High School

All Tickets \$8.00 at the door

More info: www.haliburton-movies.com



community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

- Wednesday: Bid Euchre 1pm located at the Haliburton Legion. \$2 admission
 - Thursday: Bid Euchre 7pm Echo Hills Apt. For more information contact Jean Fletch 705-457-2618
 - March 1: Volunteer Income Tax: at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm ending Tuesday April 19. for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266
 - March 1: GriefShare: starting from 7:30-9PM for 13 weeks at Lakeside Baptist Church, Park Street, Haliburton. This group is sponsored by people who know what you are experiencing and want to offer you comfort and encouragement during this difficult time. For further information contact Susan Bain 705-457-2570 or Pat and Doug Hardy 705-286-3635.
 - March 1: Person directed planning workshop: Assisting individuals with a developmental disability to achieve their dream of a good life. Located in the Dysart Library at 5:30pm for more information contact 705-749-6681
 - March 2: Volunteer Income Tax: Every Wednesday located at the Wilberforce Legion from 2pm to 3:30pm ending Wednesday April. 20 for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266
 - March 3: Person directed planning workshop: Assisting individuals with a developmental disability to achieve their dream of a good life. Located in the Bobcaygeon Library 6pm contact 705-749-6681
 - March 4: Highland Lakes Community Church Bread for Life Dinner: will be held the first Friday of every month (beginning Feb.4) at the Minden Hills Community Centre. Doors open at 12:00 lunch served from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Share a free hot meal and good conversation with your neighbors. Everyone Welcome. Transportation is available for those who need it. For more information contact 705-286-0700 or Web:highlandlakesccc.weebly.com
 - March 5: The Kinmount Gazette & Victoria Pony Club host their annual Dinner & Loonie Auction located at Galway Hall. Social Hour 5pm. Dinner 6pm. Tickets \$12 available at Gateway Variety, Austin Lumber, Kinmount Tim-B-Mart & committee members or by calling 705-488-2547. Donations of prizes welcome.
 - HALIBURTON COUNTY: Prenatal Classes in the villages of Minden and Haliburton. Join these free classes offered by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Find out about class times and schedules by calling toll-free at 1-866-888-4577 or (705) 324-3569.
 - March 9: MINDEN: Meet the Nurse 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd in Sears Building) in Minden. Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse. The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breast feeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.
 - March 15 7-9 pm & March 26 10-12 am Stanhope Soccer League Registration located at the Recreation Centre for more information call 705-766-9968
 - March 17, HALIBURTON: Meet the Nurse 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton. Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse. The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breast feeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.
 - March 19: Wild Game Dinner, Auction & Dance located at the Haliburton Legion Cocktails at 5pm Dinner at 6pm Tickets \$30 per person or \$50 a couple (available NOW) Contact the Fish Hatchery at 705-457-9664
- Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to cithorn@mindentimes.ca or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to cithorn@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.
- Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date. NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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Deaths

HANCOCK, Bea - Quietly passed away at the Haliburton Hospital on Sunday, February 27, 2011. In her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Hancock (1994). Dear mother of Claude and Carolyn of Green Bank, Ed and Chris of Oakwood, Wayne and Sylvia of Prince Albert, Robert and Anne Marie of Irondale. Loving grandma of Lynn (Todd), Teresa, Jen (Tom), Lisa (Jason), Ryan (Jen), Robin (Tryne), Neil (Leslie), Keith (Yvonne), Joe and great grandma of Kate, Karyss, Jaylee, Toryn, Alyssa, Jeslyn, Mason, and Lyla. Survived by her sister Beth McRae, and by her brother Eugene (Clara) Callaghan. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygon Rd., Minden on Tuesday evening from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. Then to the St. John's Anglican Church, Irondale for the Funeral Service on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 11:00 am. Cremation to follow. Memorial donations to the Irondale Historical Society would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Deaths

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LOVE Susie P.

Deaths

O'CONNOR, Karen Diane - Passed away suddenly at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto on Sunday, February 20, 2011. Beloved wife of Bob. Dear mother of Janet and her husband Gord, Sue and her husband Stu, and Debbie (deceased). Loving nanny of Justin and Jamie, Miranda and Josh, and great nanny of Jagger. Dear sister of Donna (Bob), Ann (John), and Nancy (Craig). Fondly remembered by all her nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygon Rd., Minden on Thursday, February 24, 2011 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Spring Interment at the Evergreen cemetery, Haliburton. Memorial Donations to the Highland Wood Long Term Care, Haliburton would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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The family of the late Lorna Marie Hogg would like to thank everyone, family, friends and neighbours for the prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, donations and food we received when mom passed. We would like to thank the doctor and wonderful nurses at the Minden Hospital for their care and compassion. A special thank you to Dr. Brown, Dr. Bishop and Dr. McMillan for their wonderful care they gave mom for six weeks and the ICU nurses for their unbelievable care, compassion and love at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre. Also thank you to Kirsten and Sarah at Gordon Monks for their help and compassion in our time of loss and sorrow. To Irene Moxam, the ladies and gentleman of the United Church for the delicious luncheon after Mom's Memorial. A big thank you Rev. Bev Hicks for the wonderful service I'm sure Mom loved it and to Betty Hicks for her kind words.

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Adele Barnes (nee Ferguson)

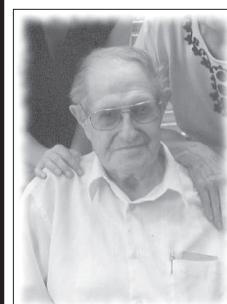
(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario) At Haliburton Hospital on February 22, 2011 at the age of 73. Loving wife of the late Blake Barnes (1983). Loving mother of Sharon (Barry) Agnew, Eric (Wanda) Barnes, Heather (Cliff) Archer and Sheila Barnes. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jonathan, Whitney, Stefan, Kelsey, Jeremy, Melissa, Mandy, Joe, Thomas, Cody, Michael, Jason, Cassandra, Colbeigh, Blake, Zachary and by her great grandchildren Ethan, Elizabeth, Isabelle, Mac, Morgan and Jack. Predeceased by her parents Ross & Margaret Ferguson, her sister Marilyn McGregor and by her son-in-law Herb Aylsworth. Also lovingly remembered by her son-in-law Bev Benson, her sister-in-law Jean Barnes and by her nieces and nephews.

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Deaths

Deaths



Clifford Montague

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Monday February 21, 2011 in his 84th year. Beloved husband of Margaret Montague (nee Fraser). Loving father of Bruce (Donna), Jan - Elizabeth (Louie Haukeness) both of Dryden, Esther (Dave Sherren), Fraser and Cameron all of Niagara Falls. Fondly remembered by his nine grandchildren and his five great grandchildren, his seven siblings and their families. Also lovingly remembered by his feline friend Patches.

Visitation & Funeral Service

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SCHRADER, Murray John Archibald - Died suddenly at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay, surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, February 24, 2011. Murray in his 78th year was the beloved husband of the late Ruth Schroter (2001). Much loved father of Farley and his close companion Angela Jones, and Lori and her husband Darryl Cowen. Dear brother of Barbara and her late husband Vern Sproule, Eileen and her husband Gerry Money, and Grenville and his wife Donna. Predeceased by his sister Ruby. Fondly remembered by relatives and friends. Visitations and funeral service were held at **MACKY FUNERAL HOME**, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay (705-328-2721). Interment in the spring at Kinnmount Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes would be appreciated. Online condolences and donations may be made at www.mackeys.ca.

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And say to us, "Welcome Home!"

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Deaths



WYNEN, Elizabeth Annie - Passed away at the Haliburton Hospital on 21st February 2011 in her 70th year. Beloved daughter of the late Phoebe (nee Plater) and Anthony Wynen. Dear wife of John Heginbottom since 1st July 1991. Betsie is survived by her siblings Gerrie, John (Ruth), Judy, Mark (Deb), predeceased by Jane Lovingly remembered by nephews James, Kevin (Danielle)- their children Mikayla and Maddox, Zack (Val) and by the entire Heginbottom family. Elizabeth had a long and distinguished career in elementary education, was an exuberant artist, an avid gardener and devoted Baha'i. A Baha'i celebration of her life will be held at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Saturday 26th February 2011 to begin at 1:00 pm. Interment will be held at the Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon in the spring. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to the Nature Conservancy of Canada or TVO. The Baha'i friends may contribute to the Canadian Baha'i Fund. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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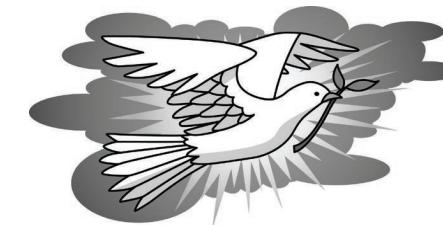


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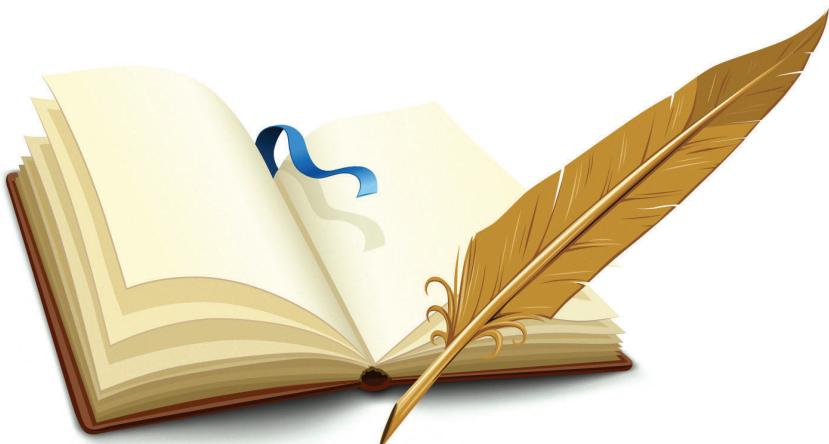
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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFER

QUESTION: I have never sold a home before. What are the procedures when I start getting offers?

ANSWER: If there are several minor provisions or a major one included in the offer, don't be put off if the agent would prefer to set up a time and place to discuss it with you personally and explain the details and

financial elements.

What may sound extremely good or bad over the phone may look a lot different when explained on paper.

If several offers come in, it is best to consider all at the same time. The first offer does not have any precedence. If you have not acted on any offer, you are free to consider all of them.



THE FIRST offer from a buyer does not have any precedence over other offers you have received.